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SUBJECT: NEW SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO EAST GERMANY

1. SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) REPORTED OCTOBER 20 THAT AHMED ABDI HASHI HAD PRESENTED A COPY OF HIS CREDENTIALS TO EAST LWDRMAN FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER ON OCTOBER 19.

2. COMMENT: BIO DATA WE HAVE ON AHMED INDICATES THAT HE RECEIVED LAW DEGREE IN SOVIET UNION IN MID-60'S. HE WAS REPORTEDLY ACTIVE IN MARXIST YOUTH GROUPS WHILE WORKING IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IN MOGADISCIO. IN 1973 AHMED WAS NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURE. IN EARLY 1975 HE WAS IMPROISONED, REPORTEDLY FOR VERBALLY ABUSING PRESIDENT SAID. AHMED WAS RELEASED IN OCTOBER 1975 BUT HIS ACTIVITIES BETWEEN HIS RELEASE AND HIS ARRIVAL IN EAST GERMANY ARE NOT KNOWN. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE FSL SOURCE, AHMED HAS A REPUTATION AS A FERVENT COMMUNIST BUT HE IS SAID ALSO TO ENJOY A GOOD TIME AND TO OVERCONSUME ALCOHOL ON OCCASION. END COMMENT:
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